GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages/Gram Panchayats proposed to be provided with telephone facilities in the country during 2001-2002, State-wise;

(b) the funds allocated for the purpose;

(c) whether any concrete steps have been worked out to provide said facility in all villages of the country by March 2002; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 1,43,255 vilages/Gram Panchayats are proposed to be provided with telephone facilities by BSNL during 2001-2002 and remaining villages by Fixed Service Providers. State-wise details are given in the enclosed annexure.

(b) Rs. 1290 crores have been allocated for this purpose by BSNL.

(c) & (d): New technologies like Wireless in Local Loop(WLL) and C-DoT TDMA/PMP are being inducted to provide telephone facilities in the remaining villages of the country. A satellite based telephones are planned to be deployed as village public telephones in remote and isolated areas where no other terrestrial technology is feasible.